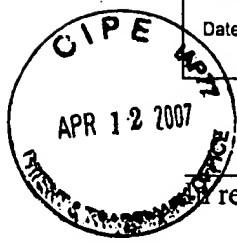


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Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed in reply to the outstanding Final Office Action, mailed on August 7, 2006, in connection with the above application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on February 7, 2007. Thus this response is timely filed on Monday, April 9, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

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